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We share this pamphlet to commemorate the revolutionary leader Malcolm X who was assassinated 60 years ago on Feb. 21, 1965.

What Malcolm X means to me



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Malcolm X had global view of struggle

Feb. 21, 2025, marks the 60th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El Shabazz). Malcolm was killed just two months before his 40th birthday while speaking at an Organization of African American Unity indoor rally at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan. His pregnant wife and four children witnessed his murder.

The mosque where Malcolm spoke, Temple #7, was fire-bombed after Malcolm's murder. Malcolm's supporters had a difficult time finding a venue for his memorial service due to the threat of violence. The Faith Temple Church of God in Christ agreed to conduct the funeral service. Between 20,000 to 30,000 people waited in line to pay their respects to Malcolm X as his body lay in state at the Unity Funeral Home in Harlem.

Ossie Davis' eulogy

Betty Shabazz chose Ossie Davis to give the eulogy. Despite the damage that it may cause his mainstream acting career, Davis agreed. His eulogy delivered on Saturday morning, Feb. 27, 1965, would be among the most memorable words he ever wrote.

A quote from Davis' eulogy states "There are those who will consider it their duty, as friends of the Negro people to tell us to revile him, to flee, even from the presence of his memory, to save ourselves by writing him out of the history."

Honoring Malcolm X by commemorating his death serves as a reminder of his lasting impact on social justice, racial equality, and human rights movements.

FBI and COINTELPRO

The assassination had signs of involvement by the FBI, which targeted for assassination members of the Black Panther Party, like Fred Hampton in Chicago.



Malcolm X and Fidel Castro met in 1960 at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

Covertpro began the special attention of harassment and threats against Black liberation leaders in the U.S. in 1956. Those threats included other collaborations that were directly or indirectly responsible for the death of other Civil Rights leaders like Martin Luther King Jr.

The text of the OAAU Basic Unity program, read and approved by Malcolm X, is printed in the appendix of Malcolm X: The Final Speeches.

In the preface to the book Malcolm Talks to Young People, Steven Clark states that "Malcolm seized every occasion to talk to young people. All over the world, it is young people [quoting Malcolm X] 'who are actually involving themselves in the struggle to eliminate oppression and exploitation.'"

Malcolm said, "One of the first things I think young people ... should learn how to do; see for yourself, listen for your-

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self, and think for yourself. Then you come to an intelligent decision for yourself."

We are seeing today another genocidal threat from the Department of Justice targeting Black and Brown and Palestinian people in the U.S., with Trump increasing the already heinous violations of human rights by the Democratic Party.

However, young Latine people are now in the streets almost daily, not backing away from Trump's threat of massive raids.

LA Times reported on Feb. 10 about a leaked memo by the State Department of a "large scale" immigration raid that is expected to happen in Los Angeles by the end of February.

ICE raids and resistance

ICE agents began targeting major sanctuary cities immediately after Trump's inauguration – the same day, including L.A., Chicago, and Atlanta. The following day, Trump lifted well-established guidelines that restricted ICE from operating at "sensitive locations" such as schools, churches or hospitals.

Sixty organizations in LA united

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